

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Closing Date: October 20, 2008

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant:

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Indiana Department of Transportation 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N642

Indianapolis, IN 46204

2. Agent: Mr. Jeremy Kieffner

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3. Project location:

Numerous Sections in Spencer County

The project is located along SR 245 from CR 1300 N to SR 245/SR 162 intersection in Santa Claus.

4. Affected waterbody:

Numerous wetlands and streams

5. Project Description:

The applicant proposes to reconstruct SR 245 on existing alignment and remove two 90 degree curves to improve traffic safety. The project as proposed will impact approximately 655 linear feet of stream from the replacement of 7 existing culverts and riprap for bank protection. The project will also require the relocation of 2 streams for a total length of 287 linear feet of impact to match the new structures and roadway. Additionally, 0.0329 acre of 4 different wetlands will be impacted from minor excavation and the discharge of fill material. As compensatory mitigation the applicant proposes to create a forested riparian corridor 60 feet wide along the impacted streams for a total length of 938 linear feet. Wetland mitigation will include the creation of 0.166 acre of emergent wetland/vernal pools, 0.02 acre forested wetland, and 0.234 acre of non-wetland buffer. Pump arounds and dewatering are proposed for all structure replacements from this project. For additional information please visit the following webpage: http://www.in.gov/idem/4400.htm.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing:

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions?

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Jason Randolph, Project Manager, at 317-233-0467. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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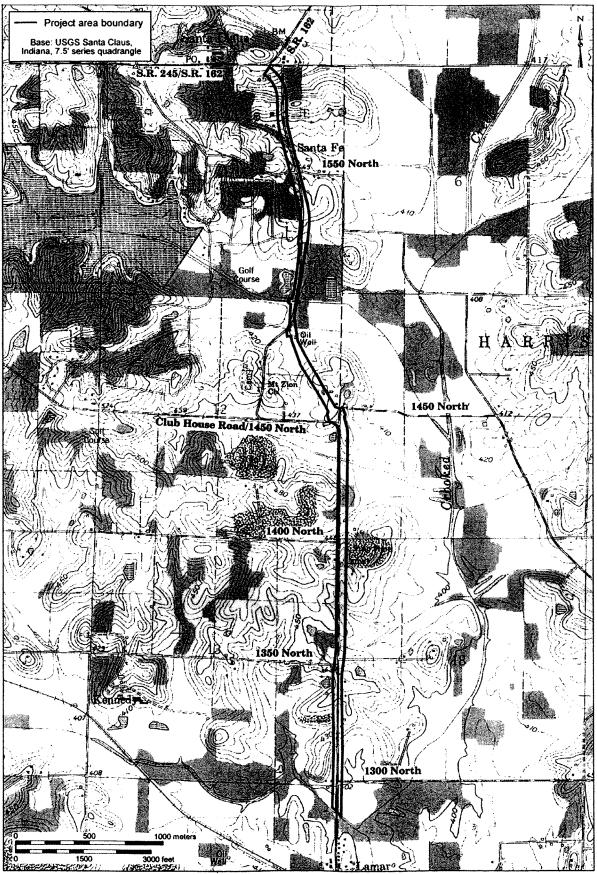


Figure 2. Portion of the 1980 Santa Claus, Indiana quadrangle (USGS 7.5' topographic map) showing the project area for the SR 245 Reconstruction project area.

